

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF SEEDS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the seed producing companies of the country are exporting the seeds produced by them;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and in the current year, country-wise, variety-wise and value-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide assistance/grants for developing new varieties of seeds for export; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of export of seeds during the last three years are given below:

Quantity: Metric tons Value: Rs in crore
Year Quantity Value

2005-06 7,522.17 92.95

2006-07 8,104.05 121.58

2007-08 10,157.15 142.12

2008-09 (April-July, 2008)# 2,618.05 37.24

(Source, DGCIS) #Provisional

Country wise export details are available at the website of APEDA - [http://apeda.com/ TradeJunction/](http://apeda.com/TradeJunction/). Variety wise details are not available. Country-wise export data for 2008-09 (April-July, 2008) is also not available.

(c)& (d) Information is being collected from the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation and will be laid on the Table of the House.